

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF FRANCINE MAIGUE

(Ms. JACOBS of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACOBS of California. Madam Speaker, Congressman VARGAS and I rise today to celebrate the incredible life of Francine Maigue and the indelible mark she left on San Diego.

Francine was an artist, an advocate, a journalist, a motivational speaker, and, as so many in San Diego knew her, a public servant.

As district director in the California State Assembly, Francine made sure that San Diegans had equitable access to the resources they needed and deserved.

Even after her cancer diagnosis in 2019, Francine kept working to serve our community while also becoming a powerful advocate for cancer research.

Francine was a proud advocate for San Diego's Filipino and Asian-American communities. She served as the president of the Filipino-American Chamber of Commerce of San Diego County and proudly highlighted the Filipino experience across the country and around the world.

Last month, Francine passed away after her battle with cancer.

Congressman VARGAS and I join so many from across San Diego in sending our condolences to Francine's family, friends, and loved ones. May her memory be a blessing.

THOUGHTS ON PRESIDENT ZELENSKY'S REMARKS TO CONGRESS

(Mr. PALMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PALMER. Madam Speaker, I have been asked many times this week about my thoughts on the address to Congress by the President of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

I was moved and inspired by his commitment to the defense of his stricken nation and its besieged people. President Zelenskyy's remarks reminded me of another time when a courageous and determined leader sought the aid of America in defense of his nation as it was being threatened by the armed might of Hitler's Nazi forces.

On February 9, 1941, Winston Churchill addressed the British Parliament with a speech that was broadcast by the BBC. Churchill spoke to Parliament, but he was really speaking to the United States, and, in particular, to President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

At the end of that speech, Churchill said this: "Put your confidence in us. Give us your faith and your blessing, and, under Providence, all will be well."

He concluded his message to Parliament and to America by saying: "Give us the tools, and we will finish the job."

That is what I heard President Zelenskyy saying to the Congress of the United States. Madam Speaker, it is time to listen to the people who are face-to-face with the enemy fighting for their country.

Madam Speaker, they know better what they need, far better than people in suits sitting behind desks who are thousands of miles from the battlefields of Ukraine.

We should heed their call and give them the tools to defend their country.

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STANDING TOGETHER FOR PEACE

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, as President Zelenskyy said, we are the leaders of peace. The President is the leader of world peace.

Thank you, President Biden, for recognizing the crisis and the murder and pillage and slaughter of babies in Ukraine.

Let us continue to stand together, but I am fighting as much to be able to solve the Ukraine crisis as I am for peace.

Let me also acknowledge this past week the remembering of those who were killed in Atlanta, which exhibited the worst kind of Asian hate. Let us stand together against such hate and stand together for what is right.

Let me also mention the fighters at the Pleasant Village senior citizen housing. They have been fighting against eviction, against disrespect, and against a complete altering of their living quarters.

They determined that they should have quality-of-life housing. I am asking the new owner to stand down and to allow this housing project or this housing facility to be for seniors in their later lives so they can have a better quality of life.

I will continue to fight to ensure that they have a place to live that is safe and best for them.

BRING SUPPLY CHAINS HOME

(Mr. MALINOWSKI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MALINOWSKI. Madam Speaker, from war in Europe to pandemic around the world to potential crisis in Asia, one of the lessons we are learning is that America should never be dependent on strategic adversaries like China or Russia for the goods most critical to our economic and national security.

Whether it is PPE, pharmaceutical ingredients, microchips, or the advanced battery technologies that will power the future, we must bring our supply chains home.

We can do this by enacting into law the bipartisan supply chain resiliency provisions in the America COMPETES Act.

This section of the bill, which I helped write, makes one of the biggest investments to spur domestic manufacturing in our Nation's history. It has been endorsed by the National Association of Manufacturers, the United Steelworkers, the National Defense Industry Association, and more than 20 organizations, and the list is growing each day.

I urge that any competitiveness bill that goes to the President for his signature include these important provisions in the America COMPETES Act.

BIDEN BAILOUT RUINED RECOVERY ALREADY UNDERWAY

(Mr. SMITH of Missouri asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Madam Speaker, last Friday marked the 1-year anniversary of the Biden bailout bill. This \$2 trillion package has directly led to worker shortages, billions in waste, and the worst inflation in 40 years.

The Biden bailout didn't rescue our economy. It ruined a recovery that was already underway.

Madam Speaker, \$500 billion spent to incentivize business closures, lockdowns, and antiscience masking policies; billions wasted, misused, or repurposed for projects unrelated to the pandemic: Florida golf courses, checks for prisoners and Japanese citizens, trees for New York, libraries in the President's home State. The list goes on.

And as a result, American families are finding it harder to put food on their table, clothes on their backs, and gasoline in their cars.

President Biden sold the American people a COVID package that spent less than 9 percent on fighting COVID. He created a massive worker shortage and instigated the highest inflation in a generation. That is his legacy.

REMEMBERING DEPUTY DOMINIQUE "DOM" CALATA

(Ms. STRICKLAND asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. STRICKLAND. Madam Speaker, I rise today as a member of the Washington State delegation to honor the service and sacrifice of Pierce County Sheriff's Deputy Dom Calata.

He was killed in the line of duty after pursuing a man wanted for second-degree assault.

I have been told that he had a tireless work ethic and was someone who went above and beyond in his commitment to our community and to our Nation.

In addition to his role as a deputy, he was also in the National Guard and previously served in the U.S. Army.

But his and his family's commitment to the community doesn't stop there. He was also an organ donor. It is just

one more way that he and his family have stepped up to support others in need.

Dom is nothing short of a hero. His loss is a devastating blow to our community, and I am thinking of and praying for the Pierce County Sheriff's Office and Dom's family, friends, and loved ones.

I hope all of us in this House will take a moment to remember Deputy Calata and his contributions to our community and to our Nation.

GOING BEYOND THE HEADLINES

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. GROTHMAN) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, I would like to comment a little bit on some of the issues that have been out there this week, issues that are important issues but about which, for whatever reason, I don't think the public has been adequately informed as to what is going on.

The first issue I would like to talk about concerns the bill yesterday regarding trade relations with Russia and an earlier bill with regard to oil exports from Russia, and that is an incredibly important provision in that bill that has not been discussed in the mainstream media, which is an amendment of something called the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act.

Today, before that bill is signed, the U.S. President can sanction foreign leaders or, I guess, pretty much any foreign person, certainly any foreign elected official, if they violated any human rights, and the definition of human rights is fairly narrowly defined.

When we think of horrible foreign leaders, we think of murder. We think of kidnapping. We think of holding people without trial for excessive periods of time. And we think if somebody is going to be sanctioned, they should be responsible for those human rights abuses.

In this bill, we change the definition of human rights to be open-ended, whatever the President thinks human rights are. Furthermore, we allow sanctioning of people who are indirectly responsible for violating human rights.

Already, the United States weighs in when countries try to preserve laws that were the laws of the United States not long ago, and I will say this with regard to two areas, the LGBTQ agenda and abortion.

Already, when you talk to people from Eastern Europe; the Caribbean; the Dominican Republic, in particular; Central and South America, people are mad because the United States throws around its substantial economic weight to fight the Christian beliefs of these countries.

Now, if these bills were signed to become law, if the Senate does not amend them, the President will have a new tool in his toolbox if he wants to force other countries to adopt the views of abortion and the views of LGBTQ that are the views, quite frankly, of the left-wing of the Democratic Party.

The President will be able to threaten the parliaments or, for all I know, lobbyists and demonstrators in foreign countries by saying: You can't get a visa to the United States because we don't like your stand on abortion. We don't like your stand on LGBTQ.

They can take assets in the United States. And we are told this was something that was threatened, at least the visa thing was threatened, with regard to elected officials in the Dominican Republic.

If you don't follow the U.S. party line, you are not going to get a visa to the United States. We are going to take your assets in the United States, take your bank accounts.

John Adams said that our Constitution was made for a moral and religious country. This is kind of going the opposite way.

We hold contempt with people, religious people, and say that we are going to weigh in with all the gifts we have been given, the financial gifts we have been given. We are going to weigh in as a country and say that we are going to use those assets to punish foreign leaders who had Christian beliefs that not so long ago were held by the vast majority of Americans.

I hope the press reports on this latest power grab of the President. I hope the public wakes up and makes sure that when these bills come back from the Senate—and that is to say, bills with regard to trade, bills with regard to oil—that they do not include this great, increased power of the President to punish, quite frankly, Christian countries.

I don't think that has been adequately addressed, and I think in most newspapers articles, it wasn't addressed at all.

Now, I will address something else. I am going to talk a little bit about inflation. A lot has been said about inflation recently, and a lot of it focuses on the price of gas, but there is high inflation everywhere.

I have a very large manufacturing district. I tour my manufacturers all the time. It is not unusual to find manufacturers whose costs for metals were up 400 or 500 percent well before there was an invasion of Ukraine.

Every manufacturer I talk to tells me that they expect big inflation in the next year. Again, that was before the invasion.

I want to draw your attention to the graph here of the M2 monetary supply, and you can look. We begin down around 1970, 1965, the amount year over year that the monetary supply goes up. It sometimes goes up 6 or 7 percent per year.

Those were in the bad old days of the 1970s and the inflation that kind of hit its peak during Jimmy Carter.

It kind of went up and down, and we went through a lot of years in which inflation was relatively low historically, 1 or 2 percent.

Then, you look in the last couple of years, and some of this was due to overspending on COVID. But, more recently, we also have the American Rescue Plan in which apparently financial literates felt the way to benefit the economy was to have the Federal Reserve print as much money as it can.

Now, look at this graph. Look at what an aberration we are in at this time where the money supply is going up year over year, over 35 percent.

I mean, you don't need to be a Ph.D. in economics to know what is going to happen. The cost of everything is going to go through the roof, oil being one of those things that is going to go through the roof, and the cost of food, the cost of any manufactured goods.

I talk to farmers in my district. The cost of fertilizer, the cost of any other chemicals—through the roof. They are going to have to pass that on.

Before you say that this inflation had anything to do with Ukraine, look at what the M2 money supply was like even before Ukraine.

This is such an aberration from anything else we have experienced in the United States, and it comes from people who have convinced themselves that you can spend unlimited on anything, and there is no cost to pay.

I hope that the press in this country gets ahold of a graph like this and gives it to the American people so they can see where we are and why the cost of everything is through the roof.

I really think the value of the dollar, not only in the last couple of months but over the next few years, is going to go downhill like nothing we have ever seen before.

I think since we switched to the Federal Reserve system in whatever it was, 1916, 1917, we are now in uncharted territory.

Some people say that we should never have paper money because Congress won't be able to risk destroying the value of the Nation's currency. Well, it hasn't happened until now, but wow.

As amazing as it is, as horrible as these numbers are, the majority party talks about still trying to pass the Build Back Better bill that will make this go up even more rapidly.

So, I beg the press corps to pay attention to the monetary supply and connect the dots as to why we have such inflation.

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ISSUES AT THE SOUTHERN BORDER

Mr. GROTHMAN. Now, there is another issue that is going on, and I think to a certain extent because of Ukraine it has been pushed into the background, but it is still a vitally important issue, and that is what is going on at the border. Just because KAMALA HARRIS has been appointed the Border Patrol czar, and she does absolutely